Implementation of quality infrastructure programme

1328. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:
SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been implementing a quality infrastructure programme to promote the quality of electronic goods produced in the country to compete in the foreign market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which the programme has been successful during the last four years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (PROF. YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Standardisation, Testing & Quality Certification (STQC) is a major infrastructure support provided by the Department of Electronics (DOE) to assist electronic industries in the country to improve quality of their products so as to make them globally competitive. Under STQC Programme of the DOE, a network of 22 laboratories have been established in the country providing the services as well as development assistance, training and quality counselling service to industries for quality improvement.

(c) STQC Programme of the Department of Electronics has been successful in improving the quality of indigenous electronic products and making them globally acceptable. During the last four years, STQC laboratories rendered testing and calibration service to nearly 300 industrial units. The bilateral cooperation of STQC with different international institutions for mutual recognition of certification and testing service has helped the industries to market their products globally. About 200 industries availed STQC Certification services to promote their products in the international market.

Food Processing Units in backward areas

1329. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the food processing units functioning in the backward and tribal areas of the country, State-wise, particularly in Gujarat;

(b) the subsidy provided to each of these units during the last three years-wise; and

(c) the details of assistance provided under various schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) and (b) Food Processing Industries are both in the organised and unorganised sector. Information regarding the number of units set up in the backward areas, tribal areas in the country, state-wise is not maintained centrally.

(c) The Ministry under its plan schemes extends financial assistance to state Govt. Organisations, Cooperatives, Voluntary Organisations etc. for setting up/expansion/modernisation of food processing units.

Rescinding the deep-sea fishing policy

1330. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have rescinded the deep-sea fishing policy of 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details of this policy;

(c) whether the India-owned boats would be encouraged; and

(d) if so, the details of steps to protect India-owned deep-sea fishing vessels?